(c) The details of funds utilized under REGP for promotion of village industries including cottage industries during the last three years in Punjab and Rajasthan are given as under:

Year	Punjab Utilisation (Rs. in crores)	Rajasthan Utilisation (Rs. in crores)
2001-02	14.39	22.12
2002-03	17.50	21.89
2003-04	8.19	28.90

The number of projects taken up under REGP during the last three vears in Punjab and Rajasthan are aiven below:

Year	Punjab	Rajasthan
2001-02	1118	2647
2002-03	1358	3036
2003-04	882	2496

Projects of Kerala Agro Industries Corporation

1626. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether many projects submitted by the Kerala Agro Industries Corporation are under the consideration of the competent Authority;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) if so, the details of such proposals under the consideration of the competent authority;

(d) whether there is any proposal for Agro Clinic and Agro Business Centres, establishing godowns in rural areas in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No proposal from the Kerala Agro Industries Corporation has been received either by the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries or the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The Government does not set up any Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres on its own. However, as informed by the Ministry of Agriculture, they are promoting Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres through the Central Sector Scheme 'Establishment of a network of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres' which aims at extending opportunities to all eligible agricultural graduates to support agriculture development through economically viable ventures which will be set up by them with the help of bank loan.

So far 8 Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres have been set up in Kerala. However, there is no proposal for Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres to establish godowns in rural areas.

Disposal of radio-active sources

1627. SHRIMATI KAMLAMANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) is facing any problem in disposal of radio-active sources used for medical purposes in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the system of disposal of radio-active sources used by AEC in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has established procedures for disposal of such sources. These sources are transported in sealed flasks and disposed in tile holes designed for such waste disposal.

FDI in mining sector

1628. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have approved about Rs. 4,000 crores of foreign direct investment in mining sector;